

IN BUSINESS CIRCLES

Holiday trade has monopolized the attention of big business and little business for the week just closing. The opinion is unanimous that the holiday trade of the retailer is greater in volume this year than last, but in the comment of some merchants there is the suggestion that the results are not up to expectations. This means that the prospect of a general reduction of dividends in the sugar securities for next year has caused some people to curtail their expenditures to some extent. The business therefore may not have been as much larger than last year as some hoped. Each year finds the goods in the stores more up to date and in greater variety, and while this is of great benefit to the buyer it often results in no immediate increase of profits for the merchant.

Mr. Keefe Talks.

Commissioner General Keefe gave out an interview the first of the week in which he laid down some very positive generalities as to the necessity for a more thorough Americanization of the islands and some very definite opinions in opposition to the Filipino immigration. He also said that something should be done to prevent the exodus of Russians from Hawaii so that the people brought here by the Board of Immigration should not "flood" the Pacific Coast with cheap labor.

Mr. Keefe gave out an interview immediately following a conference at the immigration station that was attended by representatives of the Planters' Association and members of the Territorial Board of Immigration. In Mr. Keefe's public remarks he indicated that he had previously the erroneous opinion held by many, that the Territorial Board of Immigration is engaged in calling the Filipinos. This immigration is now and has always been exclusively under the direction of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association and is in all details a private enterprise. Mr. Keefe has spent the week on the islands of Hawaii and Maui. It is expected that he will visit Kauai before he leaves the day after Christmas.

Among the business men who have met Mr. Keefe, he is generally rated as a very keen man, a hard worker, and generally speaking a more able man in elaborating the details of his investigations than the late Commissioner Sargent, with whom Hawaii became very well acquainted. He is clearly in accord with the Immigration Commission that has reported for a more general restriction of the immigration.

What Is Campbell Doing?

Speaking of immigration recalls Special Agent Campbell, who is representing the immigration authorities in Portugal. The last heard from Campbell he had returned to London and evidently had decided to stay there till something turned up. Mr. Campbell may be doing a great amount of good work, but the impression is prevalent that he is spending a great amount of the taxpayers' money for which they are getting the smallest measure of return.

Owing to the cholera that is supposed to have blocked Campbell in Portugal, Dr. Clark has gone to the Coast and will proceed to Mexico if need be to scheme out a system of transportation by which immigrants from Europe may come to the islands via Tehuantepec. When this route is perfected as a passenger route, small lots of people can be brought through and the whole immigration project need not be held up because of inability to obtain people in large enough numbers to warrant chartering a special steamer to go around the Horn.

McCrosen's water franchise bill is coming in for continued criticism. Governor Frear has amended his O. K. of the first bill and sent on his amendments by the last mail to Washington. Cabled information from Washington is to the effect that McClellan is working hard with McCrosen to get the bill through at this session of Congress. The sentiment here in favor of the measure going at least before the Legislature is growing stronger every day, and there will certainly be some violent protesting if Congress passes the bill over the heads of the people of Hawaii.

The Merchants' Association has sent to Washington its unanimous endorsement of San Francisco as the city for the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Chinese Troubles.

Chinese residents of the city are very much worked up in opposition to the Chinese Consul, who is charged with having sent the names of several prominent Chinese to the officials of China as supporters of the revolutionary forces of China. The result of such reports would be to visit persecution upon the relatives in China of these Honolulu Chinese. The contest is a very bitter one, and one of the Consul's opponents is already charged with criminal libel.

City Year Closing.

County Supervisors have been much in evidence during the week. They have passed the ordinance against spitting on the sidewalks and in the cars. They also passed the ordinance providing for wire screens over the fresh fish and meats in the markets. This has been vetoed by the Mayor and a special meeting will be held during the week to act on the veto. Quite an array of legal talent has been employed by the marketmen to fight the ordinance. The building ordinance is in the hands of the City and County Attorney to be legally "whipped into shape." This is not likely to be done during the lifetime of the present Board of Supervisors.

Fort street's bitulithic pavement is down and in use. The work was done quickly and although the busiest part of Fort streets has been in a hub-bub through two weeks, the street appears now to be in splendid condition.

Stock Prices.

Stocks have been fairly active with the downward tendency of prices still prevalent.

Wahiua has been hammered down steadily and was selling Friday at \$5 as a result of the McCrosen bill to get all the water that is now running into the Wahiua dam. Some people think Congress will be so thoughtless as to turn all this water over to people who have done nothing toward developing it. Oahu has sold at 25 and Ewa has sold in lots of considerable size at 23.75. Hawaiian Commercial appears to be rather strong at 33. Onomea has been coming onto the market more than usual, the last sale being at 35. Honokaa has dropped till sold at \$10, and it may go lower as the report is general that the plantation will carry over a good sized overdraft, which of course will be slow to make up in a year of low-priced sugar. Oahu has sold in a small lot at 4, and small lots of McBryde changed hands at 3.875. The cheap stocks can't go so very low as people will hold on rather than sell at the ridiculously low figures.

Dividends.

Regular dividends have been paid as usual with Hawaiian Sugar paying an extra of forty cents a share or a total of \$60,000 on the 15th of the month.

The first announcement of the cut

in dividends came on Friday when the directors of Pioneer Mill made the expected cut to \$1.50 per share or from two per cent a month to one and one-half per cent. The stock sold through the week at 170.

As the first of the year approaches further announcements of cuts in dividends may be expected although the reductions will not be general.

Sugar Price.

Sugar circulars coming in on the last mail reported sugars for February shipment selling in New York at 3.48 cents. This shows plainly enough that the three and one-half cent sugar is coming. It should be remembered that February is the height of the grinding season in Cuba, and then raw sugar reaches its lowest figure. Some of the pessimists believe sales will be made during that period as low as 3.25 but the amount sold at that quotation will depend entirely on whether some of the Cuban sugar producers are forced to sell.

Kapua Leases.

The Land Board has finally decided on what it will do with the Kapua water and land lease. A resolution was passed by the Board this week recommending that the land applied for by the Makee Sugar Company be leased at a rental of \$7000 a year, this lease to include all the waters of Kapua except such as are reserved by the Land Commissioner for the needs of the people. Additional rental is to be paid for water diverted to other lands by the lessor during the term of the lease. Member Trent objected to the terms of the lease.

New Stock for Land.

One of the finest exhibitions of Hereford cattle ever assembled in any city was made this week in Bishop Park by the management of the Parkers ranch. The animals are the pick of the best herds of the Middle West and are about as near perfect beef animals as have ever been raised. They are imported to improve the stock and raise the standard of the beef produced on the big Hawaii ranch.

Federal Building.

Details of the condemnation to establish a price on the property needed for the Federal building are being worked out. If the proceedings accomplish nothing more they should increase the Territorial income from taxes levied on down town property.

Honolulu Water.

Talk of the reconstruction of the system of water mains of Honolulu has been revived. Superintendent Campbell appears to have a scheme by which the Territory shall replace all the water mains of the city, the money for it being secured through a bond issue.

No doubt exists as to the necessity for replacing the city water mains complete but it is still a mystery why the Territory should provide the bonds unless it seeks an excuse for continuing the existence of an expensive Superintendent of Public Works. This is work that should be done by the City of Honolulu and the bonds should be issued by the city under the authority of the Legislature. The idea of the Superintendent of Public Works being better able to handle this public business than the city authorities is ridiculous, and will continue in that category while the expense of the Nuuanu dam remains to blot the landscape.

Chamber of Commerce trustees refused this week to take a hand in the appointment of the Collector of Internal Revenue. They claimed that they were not taking part in politics. They would have done a very good stroke however had they gone on record as in favor of appointment of residents of Hawaii to public offices in the Territory, whether Federal or Territorial.

Dispatches from Washington show that the attention of the country is centered on the Pacific and the Pacific Coast, though it is not pleasant to have this attention aroused by a

war scare. The President is determined that sufficient appropriations shall be made if possible to establish proper defenses in the Philippines, develop Pearl Harbor and adequately protect the Pacific Coast. At present all America's vulnerable points are wide open. This work, recommended by the President, must be done if the nation is to be one of the factors of the Pacific. As it is carried out the certainty of Honolulu's future is established and the big city guaranteed.

Libby's First Work.

Harvesting and canning of the pineapple crop on the Ahumahu lands began this week. This is the first crop to be taken off under the ownership of the Libby, McNeil & Libby interests. Already these people have begun a wide advertising campaign and the output of the property will be increased every year.

SPORTS

FIRST SOCCER GAMES ARE BEING PLAYED

On the league grounds this afternoon, the first games in the Hawaiian Association Football League series are being played, the first between Higgs and Males and the second between Iron Works and Punahele.

The lineups for the games are:

Higgs—Goal tender, Harvey Chilton; full-backs, A. Hickman and J. Clarke; half-backs, H. Bal, Henry Chillingworth and Alec May; forwards, Ben Kolokla, Johnny Jones, T. Frendo, Valentine Marcelino and Sing Hung. Subs, Bill Rice, A. Stillman and J. Blaisdell.

Males—W. Ballentyne, goal; J. C. McGill, left half-back; Bob Anderson, right half-back; Allen McGowan, center half-back; C. Dickson, right full-back; Fred Ziegler, left full-back; Fred Bailey, outside left; George Dwight, outside right; Yeaman, inside left; Harry Bailey, inside right; McNeill, center forward.

Punahele—Will Paty, goal; T. P. W. Gray, right back; J. M. MacConnell or Lota, left back; Farmer Clark, right half; P. Jamieson, center half; F. Dodge, left half; E. Gibb, outside right; J. H. Catton, inside right; J. B. Walker, center forward; Cyril Hoega, inside left; J. Macaulay, outside left.

Iron Works—Goal tender, Pong Pong; full-backs, W. Greig and Jim Hoag; half-backs, E. Boyd, W. McDougal and Morse; wings, S. Smythe and C. Klemme; forwards, J. S. Lober, Akana and Holster.

LAST GOLF TOURNEY AT COUNTRY CLUB

Tomorrow a medal play will be held on the links of the Country Club, which is the last regular tournament at the club for the year.

A large crowd is expected to be present at the club during the day, and special lunch will be served to those present during the middle of the day.

Arrangements have been made for busses to meet the cars from 9 o'clock in the morning during the entire day, and this will be a great convenience to many.

Drawings will take place at 10 o'clock, and as the course was never in such good shape, some good scores are expected.

A BUSY STORE

Silva's Toggery is the busy store during the Christmas season. Hundreds of ladies may be seen in this popular haberdashery during the day making purchases of suitable gifts for gentlemen.

The Toggery stock is finer than it ever has been in the past, and that means that it is unequalled in the city, for since the beginning of this store it has maintained a very high standard of merchandise. When the recipient of neckwear or any other article of men's wear notes the "Silva's Toggery" mark upon it, he knows that he has something up to date and of the finest quality.

Ladies are specially invited to the store and every facility is offered them to make choosing easy. Come tonight.

VERDICT FOR ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

A verdict of \$1000 was allowed by a jury in Judge Robinson's department of the Circuit Court yesterday to Hans Torsen against Geo. Beckley. Torsen, a sailor on a transport, sued Beckley for \$10,000 for injuries sustained when he was run down by Beckley on King street, the sailor riding a horse at the time.

The plaintiff was represented by Judge Quarles and Beckley by C. C. Bittling. The case has been appealed to the Supreme Court.

Noted "Topsy" Dead.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Julia Wyatt, famous in her day in the part of Topsy, in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is dead at the age of 87 years.

A Man's Store for Ladies Yee Chan & Co.

As Christmas is approaching we believe we have a greater right than others to advertise our Holiday Merchandise. We claim we are the leaders in medium priced ready-to-wear goods for men and women.

Individual Holiday Packages of
**Hosiery, Handkerchiefs,
Neckwear**

priced to suit your pocket book.

Shirts

Swell lines have just arrived for you to select from.

Shoes

Nothing makes a more practical and longer remembered Christmas Gift than a pair of shoes. You will experience no trouble in securing just what you want for a member of the family or friend here. Our line is complete and low priced.

Toilet and Smoking Sets

have just been opened. Notice the display in our windows. All of them attractively boxed.

Suspenders

in all the newest designs.

ORIENTAL GOODS

Arrived by the last Asia. SILKS, GRASS LINEN, EMBROIDERED SUIT PATTERNS, SILK SHAWLS, TABLE COVERS, DOYLIES AND EMBROIDERED HAND BAGS.

All suitable gifts for Christmas remembrances.

Umbrellas

Made of silk with steel rods and Paragon Frames.

Our Clothing

Represents labor at its best. Made by workmen in large roomy quarters, where there is plenty of sunshine.

Suit Cases

A handsome suit case is a gift of convenience as well as practicality. Everyone needs a suit case occasionally and no doubt you know of someone to whom you intend to give a holiday gift that does not possess one. Come here and we will supply you with the best of leather at the lowest price obtainable in Honolulu.

Hats

One of our hats will help to put you on a front seat in your town.

Ties

Knitted four-in-hands of bright natural silk in tone or self effects.

Cor. King and Bethel Sts

When Planning for the Christmas Dinner be sure to include some of

Heinz "57" Varieties

India Relish
Best Olives
Tomato Ketchup
Pickles
Malt Vinegar

Mince Meat

Cider Vinegar
Horse Radish
Pine Preserves
Apple Butter

Your Grocer Has Them All



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